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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY
Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

Boyne USA, Inc.

Project No. 3409-031

Notice of Intent to File License Application, Filing of Pre-Application Document, Approving Use of the Traditional Licensing Process

- a. Type of Filing: Notice of Intent to File License Application and Request to Use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- b. Project No.: 3409-031
- c. Date Filed: January 31, 2017
- d. Submitted By: Boyne USA, Inc.
- e. Name of Project: Boyne River Dam Hydroelectric Project
- f. Location: On the Boyne River, in Charlevoix County, Michigan. No federal lands are occupied by the project works or located within the project boundary.
- g. Filed Pursuant to: 18 CFR 5.3 of the Commission's regulations
- h. Potential Applicant Contact: Randall Sutton, Area Manager, Boyne Mountain Resort, 1 Boyne Mountain Road, Boyne Falls, Michigan, 49713; (231) 549-6076; e-mail – rsutton@boynemountain.com.
- i. FERC Contact: Chelsea Hudock at (202) 502-8448; or e-mail at chelsea.hudock@ferc.gov.
- j. Boyne USA, Inc. filed its request to use the Traditional Licensing Process on January 31, 2017, and provided public notice of its request on February 15, 2017. Boyne USA, Inc. filed its pre-application document on March 21, 2017. In a letter dated May 17, 2017, the Director of the Division of Hydropower Licensing approved Boyne USA, Inc.'s request to use the Traditional Licensing Process.
- k. With this notice, we are initiating informal consultation with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service under section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and the joint agency regulations thereunder at 50 CFR, Part 402. We are also initiating consultation with the Michigan State Historic Preservation Officer, as required by section 106, National Historic Preservation Act,

and the implementing regulations of the Advisory Council on Historic Preservation at 36 CFR 800.2.

- l. With this notice, we are designating Boyne USA, Inc. as the Commission's non-federal representative for carrying out informal consultation pursuant to section 7 of the Endangered Species Act and section 305(b) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act; and consultation pursuant to section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act.
- m. Boyne USA, Inc. filed a Pre-Application Document (PAD; including a proposed process plan and schedule) with the Commission, pursuant to 18 CFR 5.6 of the Commission's regulations.
- n. A copy of the PAD is available for review at the Commission in the Public Reference Room or may be viewed on the Commission's website (<http://www.ferc.gov>), using the eLibrary link. Enter the docket number, excluding the last three digits in the docket number field to access the document. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support at FERCONlineSupport@ferc.gov, (866) 208-3676 (toll free), or (202) 502-8659 (TTY). A copy is also available for inspection and reproduction at the address in paragraph h.
- o. The licensee states its unequivocal intent to submit an application for a new license for Project No. 3409. Pursuant to 18 CFR 16.8, 16.9, and 16.10 each application for a new license and any competing license applications must be filed with the Commission at least 24 months prior to the expiration of the existing license. All applications for license for this project must be filed by January 31, 2020.
- p. Register online at <http://www.ferc.gov/docs-filing/esubscription.asp> to be notified via e-mail of new filing and issuances related to this or other pending projects. For assistance, contact FERC Online Support.

Dated: May 17, 2017.

Kimberly D. Bose,
Secretary.

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